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Amendment
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Amendments To The Specification:

Please amend paragraph 0012 as follows:

The invention is also directed to a coil stent comprising a first segment which curves about the longitudinal axis of the stent, a ~~third~~ second segment which curves about the longitudinal axis of the stent and a ~~second-expandable~~ segment disposed between the first and ~~third~~ second segments where the first and ~~third~~ second segments are formed of a first material and the ~~second-expandable~~ segment is formed of a second material different from the first material. The first ~~segments~~, the ~~expandable segments~~, ~~second~~ and ~~third~~ second segments are joined end-to-end. Desirably, the ~~second-expandable~~ segment has at least one bend therein. The ~~second-expandable~~ segment may have a plurality of bends therein.

Please amend paragraph 0036 as follows:

The invention is also directed to a coil stent, such as that shown at 100 in Fig. 1a, comprising a first segment 114a which curves about longitudinal axis 112 of the stent, a ~~third~~ second segment 114b which curves about the longitudinal axis of the stent and a ~~second~~ an expandable segment 122 disposed between first segment 114a and ~~third~~ second segment 114b where the first and ~~third~~ second segments are formed of a first material and the ~~second~~ expandable segments are formed of a second material different than the first material or differently treated than the first material. The first ~~segments~~, the ~~expandable segments~~, ~~second~~ and ~~third~~ second segments are joined end-to-end. Desirably, as shown in Fig. 1a, ~~second~~ expandable segment 122 has at least one bend therein. Optionally, ~~second-expandable~~ segment 122 may have a plurality of bends therein.